

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the instant application. Claims 24 and 39 are rejected. Claims 24 and 39 are cancelled. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

102 Rejections

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,225). Claim 24 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of Claim 24 be withdrawn.

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Reynolds et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,225). Claim 39 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of Claim 39 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

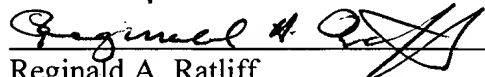
In light of the above-listed remarks, and as there are no remaining contested issues in the Application, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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